

Assessment

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Purpose





Define assessment

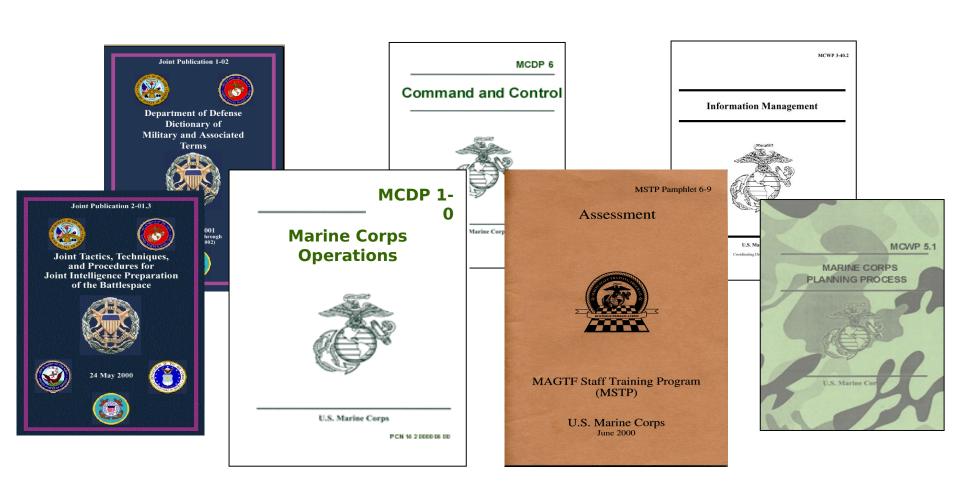
Discuss the importance of assessment

Provide some assessment tips

References







Assessment Definition





The continuous appraisal of military operations to determine progress toward established goals MCDP 1-0

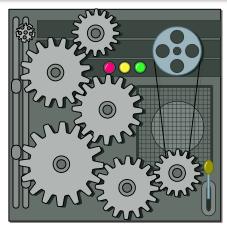
- Continuous
- Determines overall effectiveness of command actions
- Operationally goal focused
- Provides basis for <u>future</u> decisions/actions

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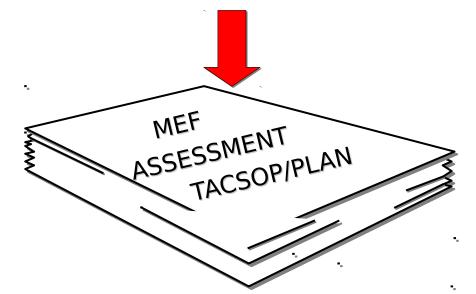
Is it a Plan or a Process?







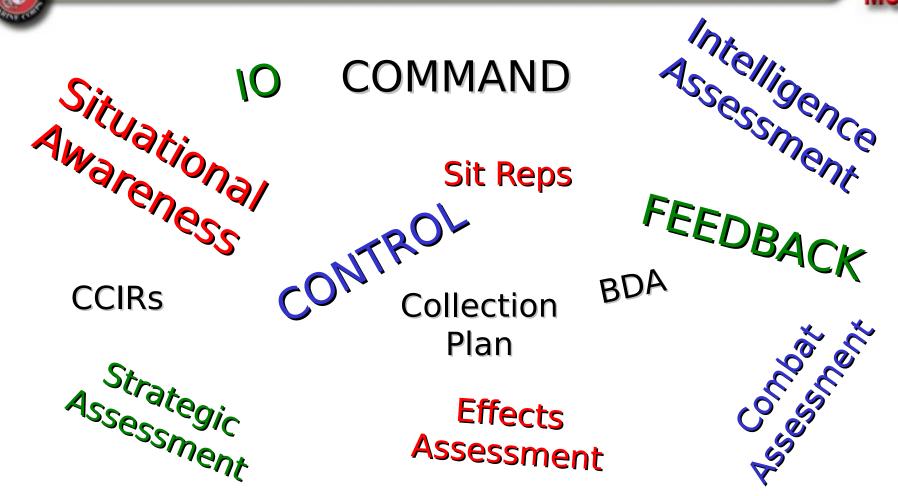
MEF ASSESSMENT PROCESS



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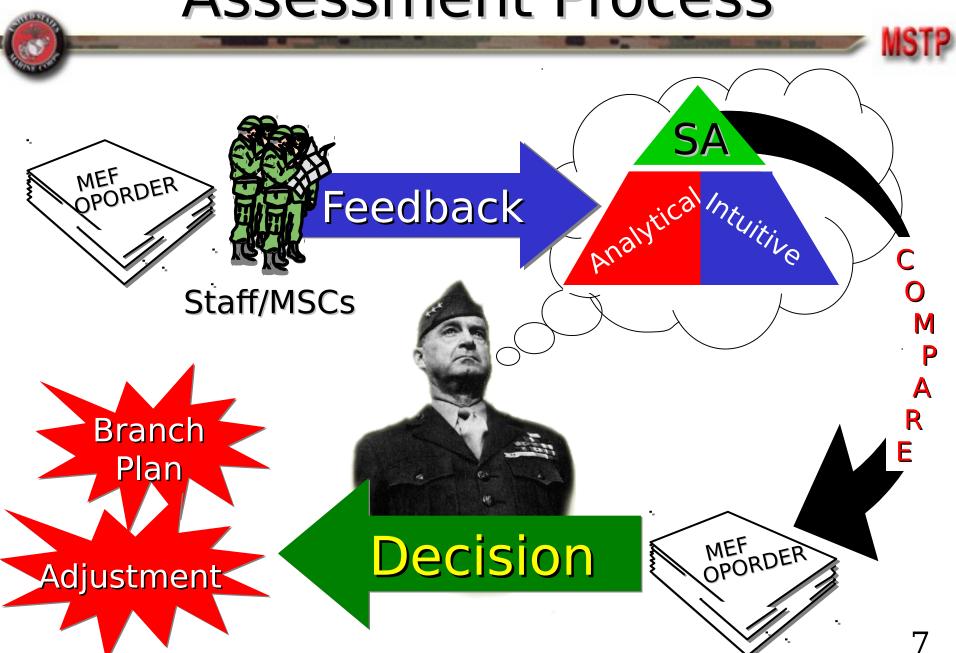




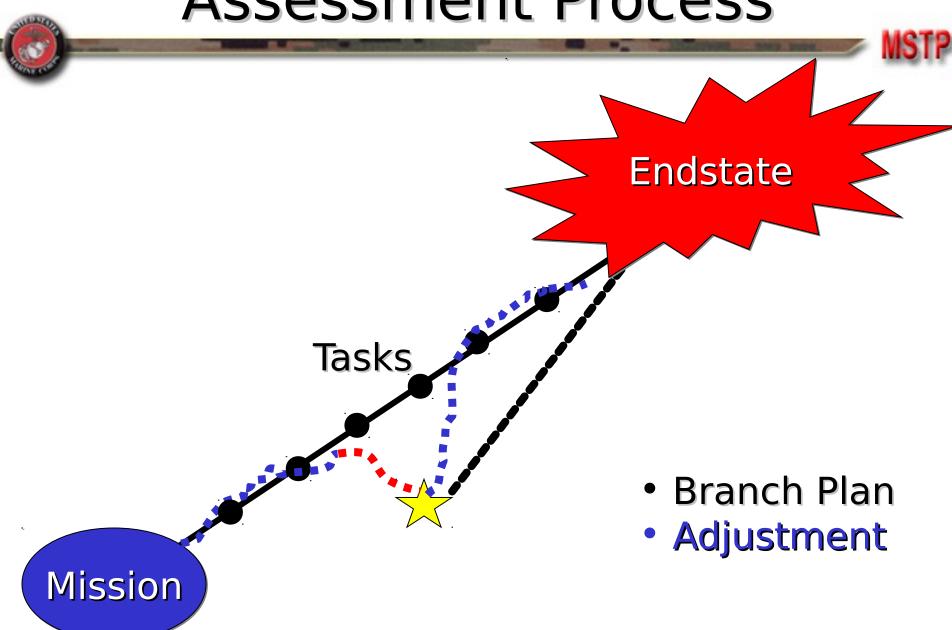


Information Management

Assessment Process



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Why Is Assessment ____Important?





Failure to Recognize Failure



- Fail to adapt
- Mission failure
- Costly success

Failure to Recognize Decisive Action

Failure to Recognize Success



- Wasted resources
- Unable to exploit success, initiative, tempo, momentum



Assessment Process Tips



- 1. Levels of assessment activities
- 2. Staff assessment responsibilities
- 3. Assessment's planning relationship
- 4. Terminology & assessment
- 5. Operational reports & assessment
- 6. The commander & assessment



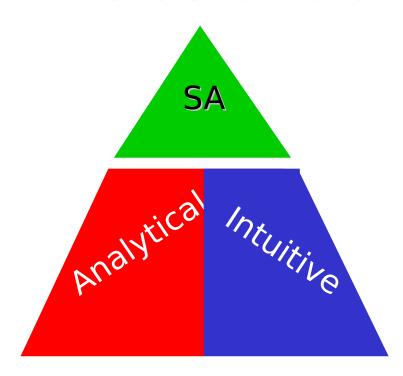
1. Levels of assessment activities

- Operational assessment
 - 6 Warfighting Functions
 - Campaign Assessment
 - Combined Operational Assessment Board (COAB)
 - Effects Assessment (Fires Warfighting Function)
 - Fires/IO Assessment
 - Combat Assessment
 - Task Assessment
 - Logistics Assessment (Logistics Warfighting Function)
 - Associated automated Joint Assessment Tools
- Directed assessment
- Personal assessment



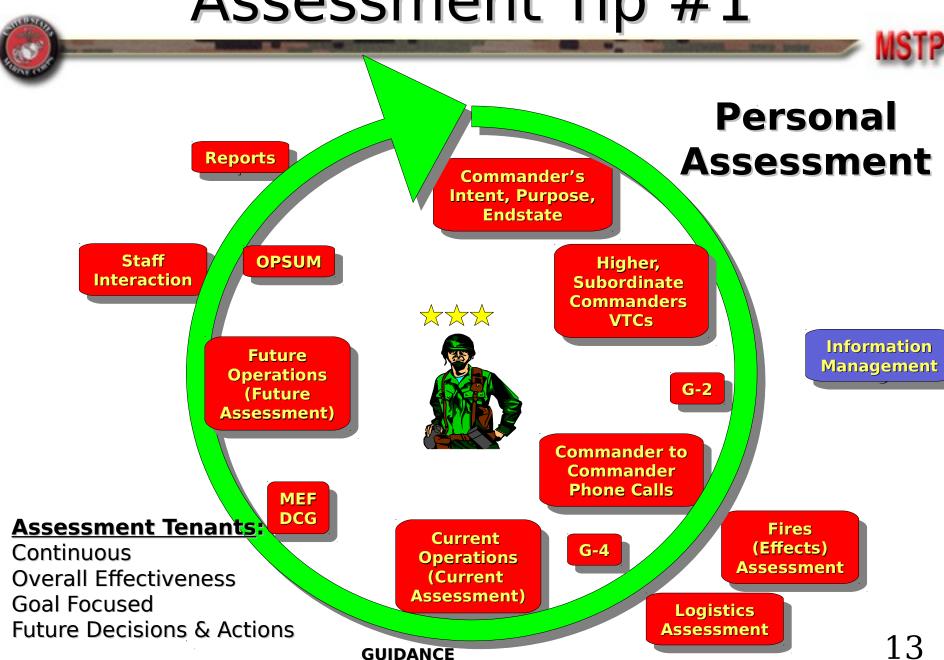


Commander's Situational Awareness



Operational Assessment & Directed Assessment

Personal Assessment

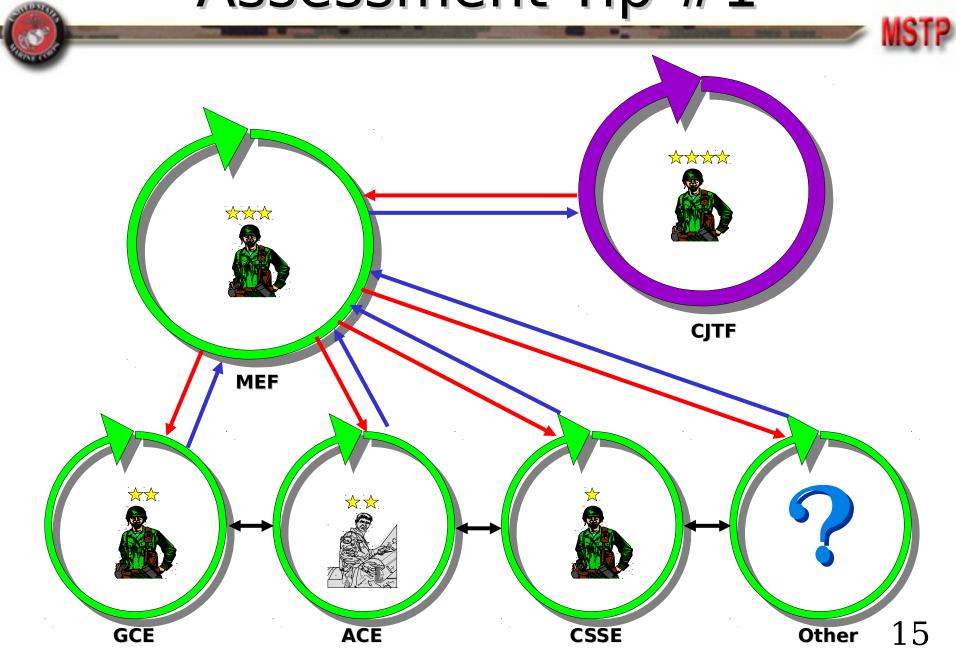






 Improvisation is of critical importance to increasing speed. It requires commanders who have a strong situational awareness and a firm understanding of their senior commander's intent so that they can adjust their actions in accordance with the higher commander's desires

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2. Staff assessment responsibilities

- MEF principal staffs & MSCs are responsible
 - Formal & informal processes are involved
 - Current & future assessment division of labor



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Assessment Tip #3

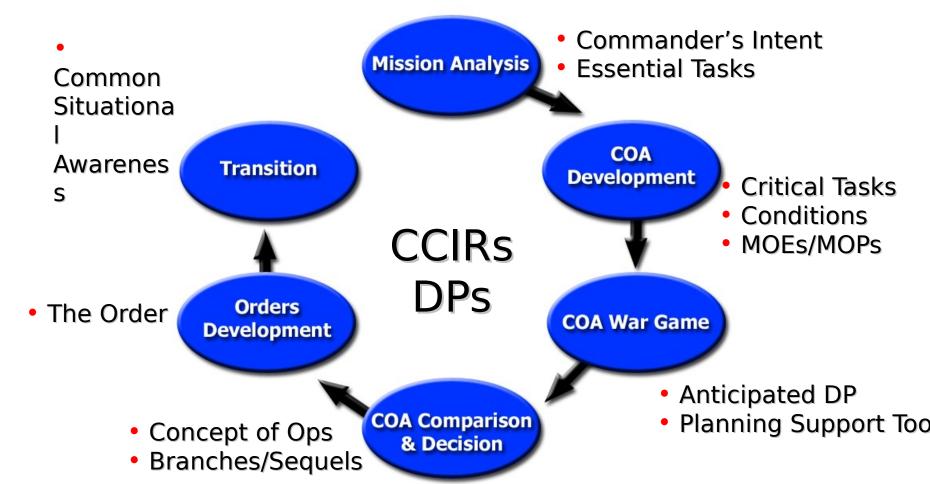


Assessment's planning relationship (pre-OPT)

- Assign an Assessment AO/Team
 - Independent
- Predetermine MSC/MEF/HHQ assessment relationships
 - MEF to HHQ assessment
 - MSCs/Coalition/OPCON units to MEF assessment
 - Assessment terminology
- Determine how the commanders wants the formal & informal assessment processes to provide him feedback.
 - MEF principal staff buy-in to reduce duplication of effort.



3. Assessment's planning relationsh





Planning Support Tools

SYNCHRONIZATION MATRIX

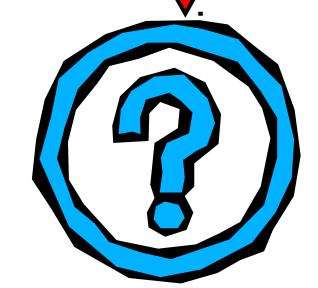
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DECISION SUPPORT MATRIX

DP	EVENTS & INDICATORS	NET/NLT	NAI	TAI	CDR'S OPTIONS	4
1	Enemy 1st echelon units are fixed.	H+24/H+36	1, 2, 3		1 AD continues turning memor or executes branch plan for envelopment of 1st echelon	
2	1st echelon enemy forces withdrawing into/through Gabes; 103d Armor Bde covering withdrawal and as possible counteratik force; 204th, 201st, and 104th preparing for BHO uic Gabes; refugees being forced North.	Н+48/Н+72	4, 5	А	Bypass, isolate or treat cates; force options: 20 MarDix or LF6F	
3	Enemy delays 2dMarDiv and reorients on mountain passes IOT hold 1 AD and allow forces to withdraw to Border.	H+72/H+96	8, 9	В	Options: defeat 2d echelon via Encirclement (1AD/2MAW) or allow enemy to withdraw	

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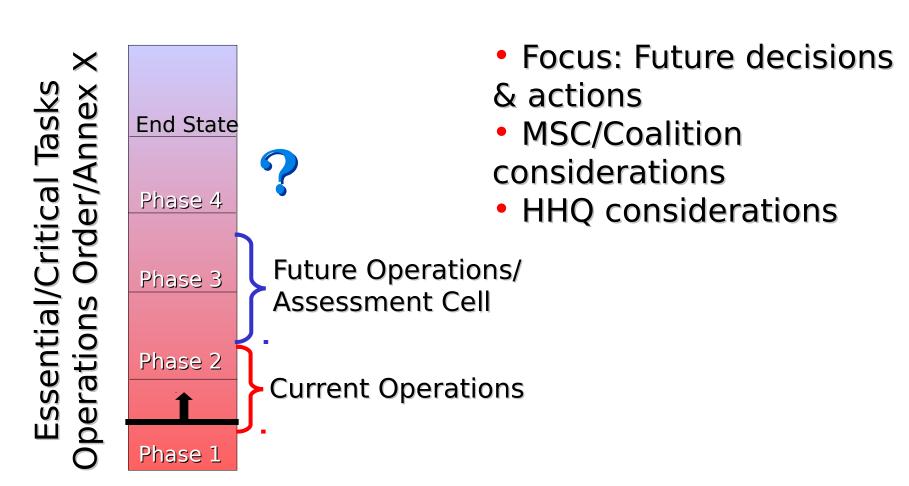


Annex X - Execution Checklist

TASK	TIME	DP	C	CONDITIONS	MOEs	NAI	TAI	
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Conduct Amphib Assault	D+30 H-Hour			Coastal Defense Force unable to engage amphibs/	BDA indicates fixed ASMS/coastal guns/ coastal radar sites destroyed			ACE
				assault craft with ASMS/coastal guns	No observed movement of mobile ASMS along Coastal Hwy 1 within 50 km of Green Beach since H-36	1	А	G-2
					No observed coastal radar emissions since H-24			RAD BATT
				3 rd Mechanized Rifle Brigade unable to reinforce	No observed movement of Bn sized units along MSR Blue beyond PL Black since H-10	2	В	G-2
				8th Mech Div vic AF Obj 1 for 96 hours	Communication between 3 ¹⁴ MRB HQ and I Corps HQ reduced by 75% from I&W baseline			RAD BATT







6 Warfighting Functions





4. Terminology & Assessment (Words Matter)

- Mission & intent
- CCIRs & DPs
- Essential Tasks
 - Articulation of conditions, measures of effectiveness (MOEs), & measures of performance (MOPs)
 - Measurable & Relevant

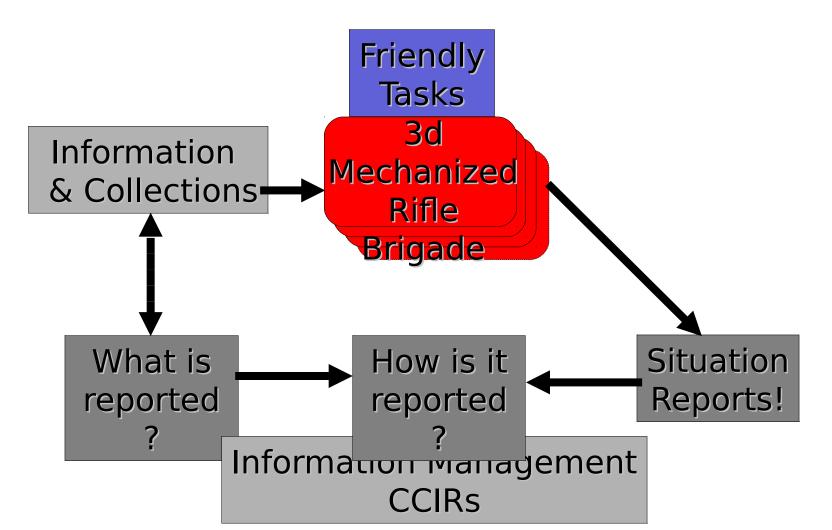
Condition: 3d Mechanized Rifle Brigade blocked.

MOE: No observed movement of 3d Mechanized Rifle Brigade BN sized units along Coastal Hwy 1 beyond PL Blue after H-Hour



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Operational reports & assessmen







- How is it reported?
 - Essential TASK: Establish lodgment at Port of Bandar-e Emam NLT D+3 in order to facilitate throughput of CTF sustainment

Conditions	D-4	D-3	D-2	D-1	D Day	D+1	D+2	D+3	Remarks	Associated Decision Points
1. Port facility seized (AF Obj 1)	Y	Y-G	G	G	G	G	G	G	Trend Analysis: • Likelihood of enemy CATK = Not likely Risk:	DP #4: Surge aviation to support operations DP #6: Commit MEF Reserve to establish alternate
2. 3 rd Mech Rifile Brigade blocked vic Bandar-e Mahshahr	Y	Y-R	R	R	R	N	N	N	Trend analysis: •Task to have been accomplished on D-3 Risk: • No excess JFACC sorties D-1	blocking position vic CP 3 DP #7: Divert
3. Port facility support pier side offload	Y-G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	Integration of bridging capability into CSSD-28 accomplished	air to delay enemy along Coastal Hwy 1

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Essential TASK: Establish lodgment at Port of Bandar-e Emam NLT D+3 in order to facilitate throughput of CTF sustainment

Condition

MOE/MOP

Status

Recommended Action

3rd Mech Rifle Brigade blocked vic Bandar-e Mahshahr MOP 1: CTF blocking position established vic MEF Obj B NLT H+8 Blocking position established <u>DP# 6</u>: Commit MEF Reserve to establish alternate blocking position vic CP 3

MOE 1: No observed movement of Bn sized units along Coastal Hwy 1 beyond PL Blue after H-Hour

Bn sized
elements
observed
bypassing
block position

<u>DP #7</u>: Divert air to delay enemy along Coastal Hwy 1 (Consideration)





Strike a Formal Assessment Process balance!

Complex

- Assesseverything
- -Information Management?



Simple

- Focus only on Essential Tasks, Events and/or Warfighting Functions
- Principle Staff
 has added
 assessment
 responsibilities





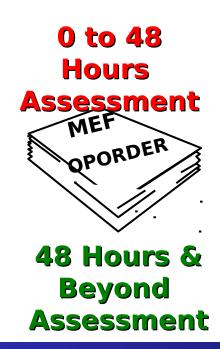
OIF Assessment Observation: "If you are not providing assessment, you're just admiring the problem." -Anonymous





6. The commander & assessment







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Keys to Success



- Assessment is integral to planning & execution
- Assessment involves:
 - Facilitating a common assessment understanding between the OPT, COC, MSCs, principle staff, HHQ & the CG
 - Observable and measurable indicators (Conditions, MOE, MOP, etc.) that help us to gauge our progress during execution
 - Identification of key data required for assessment
 - Identification of potential decisions based on friendly task or enemy actions
 - A plan for collections & collection of information to support those decisions
 - Transformation of this raw data into useful prioritized information
 - Presentation of this information to the commander in a manner that assists decision making



Summary



Defined assessment

Discussed the importance of assessment

Provided some assessment tips